

Congestion Relief

Project Information Sheet



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Location: Southbound US 101 near Spyglass Drive to Pismo Railroad Overhead within the City of Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo County.

Proposed Project: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) propose to reconstruct the southbound left shoulder on US 101 for 4 miles to operate as a part-time travel lane for use during peak periods (2-foot shoulder and 12-foot part-time lane); extend the existing truck climbing lane near Spyglass Drive by ½ mile; reconfigure Mattie Road on- and off-ramps; construct an auxiliary lane between the Mattie Road on-ramp and Route 1 (Dolliver Street/Price Street) off-ramp; construct a park and ride lot at the Mattie Road on- and off-ramps; consider closing the Shell Beach Road southbound on-ramp.

How it Works: Right shoulder remains unchanged. Southbound left shoulder gets modified for use as a part-time travel lane/shoulder. Signs inform motorists of hours of use, closures, and merge locations. Part-time travel lane/shoulder opens and closes during monitored or specific time periods. Daily operation would last for approximately three hours during peak travel times (weekdays 3 PM to 6 PM and as-needed for special events).

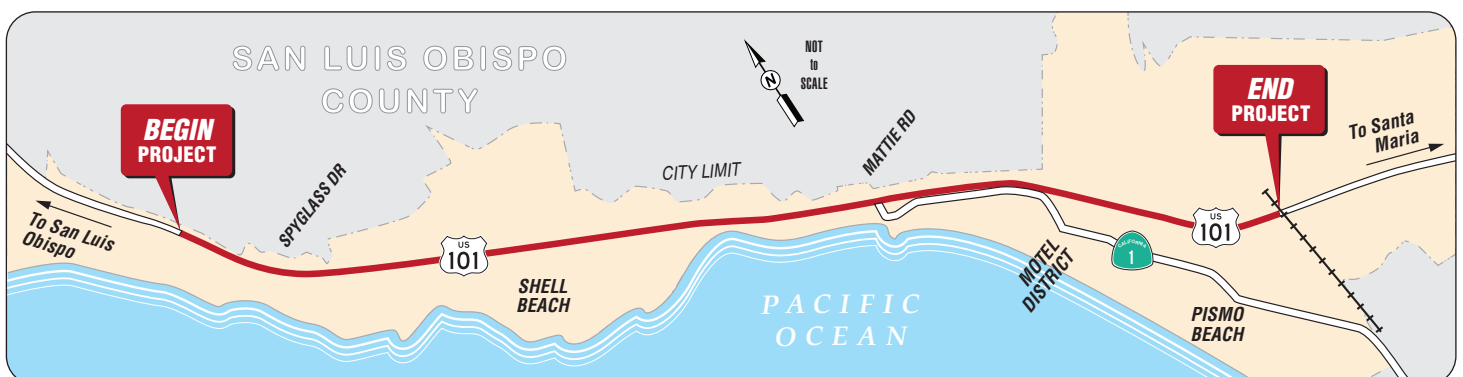
Purpose: Improve operations on southbound US 101 during peak travel periods defined as the weekday afternoon commute time (3 PM to 6 PM), summer/seasonal peaks, and weekend traffic events.

Need: The US 101 mainline southbound lanes currently operate at or near capacity during weekday afternoon peak hours, summer and seasonal peak hours, and weekend peak traffic events. The congested flow is further disrupted by ramp merge and diverge movements.

Proposed Schedule: Draft Environmental Document Circulation – January 2020; Construction Start – Winter 2024; Construction Completion – Winter 2026

Project Cost: Ranging from \$11.3 million to \$24.7 million for each of six alternatives.

Questions & Comments: For general project-related information, contact Paul Valadao, Project Manager, by email: paul.valadao@dot.ca.gov or by phone: (805) 549-3016. For environmental-related information, contact Lara Bertaina, Associate Environmental Planner, by email: lara.bertaina@dot.ca.gov or by phone: (805) 542-4610. For other State Highway matters, please contact the Caltrans District 5 Public Information Office at (805) 549-3318.



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